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(SBU) Post discussed the Al-Askariya shrine bombing with Icelandic MFA International Institutions Division Director (and Middle East desk officer) Nikulas Hannigan February 24. Hannigan informed us that Iceland had a day earlier associated itself with a draft declaration by the European Union Presidency condemning the bombing. Iceland would not issue a separate statement from that of the EU, Hannigan said, but would take our demarche into account when considering additional possible responses to the incident.

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